

HO-253  
The Old Florence School  
Florence  
Private

1872

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-253  
Woodbine Quad  
District 4  
MAGI# 1402535504

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Florence School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2611 Florence Rd.

(N. E. Side of Florence Road

about 0.4 miles S.E. of Route 94)

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER Res.**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Homer F. Day

Telephone #: 489-7226

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2611 Florence Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine, Maryland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

21797

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE. Tax Map 13 Blk 9 p. 20  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 893

Folio #: 677

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Fenestration for the old school building in the main section of the house is rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights. Windows placed in the new additions to the building are rectangular and double hung, holding one-over-one lights.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**HO-253  
Woodbine Quad  
District 4

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1872

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Old Florence School at Florence, Howard County, Maryland, is one of the earliest school houses still standing in Howard County, which was constructed circa 1872.<sup>1</sup> Distinction attached to this school building is expanded upon by the retention of its east elevation and the central outline of the original building block.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the pattern of enlargement by increments over a period of time is significant for two reasons: it reflects a common practise in the building history of the United States<sup>3</sup>, and it mirrors the evolution of this particular building from a nineteenth century school house to its present use as a private residence in the twentieth century.<sup>4</sup>

**History and Support**

1. In 1872 Samuel and Amelia Jarden granted one (1) acre and five (5) perches of land, part of a tract of land called "Hobson's Choice", to the Board of School Commissioners of Howard County for the present school. By 1944 the school board saw no longer a need for this two room school and conveyed the property and school building to Raymond C. Duvall and his wife, Mary. Since that time it has been converted into a private residence, which is now occupied by Homer and Charslee Day.

2. The original, gabled roof, building block of the two room school, with its central, square brick chimney remains evident, as well as the retention of its east facade, which features a central, gabled roof entrance portico, covering a rectangular entrance, which is flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows. As late as 1972 the south facade, too, was intact, featuring a central entrance, flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, covered by a one story high, shed roofed open porch. This porch has since been enclosed with similar windows, holding one-over-one lights.

3. This building is indicative of the pattern of enlargement by increments over a period of time. Initially a two room country school, composed of one basic building block, later became a private residence, which was enlarged along its west elevation by a one bay wide, three bays deep, one story high, shed roofed addition. Still later the porch was enclosed to provide additional space.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

4. With the growth in population, as well as the influx of new families into the western part of Howard County, coupled with greater sophistication in the design of schools to provide several rooms to accomodate this larger school population into separate rooms and grades by age and ability, the extinction of the two room, one teacher school was inevitable. A page in American education turned and was past, and with it, went those buildings which were associated with it. Howard County is indeed fortunate to have only a few, which remain now in private hands and are almost always adapted to residential use. Such a one is the Old Florence School.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Land Records of Howard County  
Hopkins Atlas of 1878

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.03 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 893 Folio 677

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## TITLE SEARCH

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Prepared by Cleora Thompson, A.I.C.P.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LIBER-FOLIO</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>
14-7-78	893-677	Janet G. Harrison surviving tenant by the Entirety of Raymond E. Harrison	Homer Fay Day, Charslee Day	Deed to 302/1000 of an acre for \$38,500.00
15-9-72	609-4	Ethel F. Harrison, Isabelle D. Eyler	Raymond E. Harrison, and Janet, his wife	302/1000 of an acre of Land
30-5-72	594-144	Ethel F. Harrison, Isabelle Eyler, personal represen- tatives of the Estate of Mary Duvall	Ethel F. Harrison, Isabelle Eyler	1 Acre, 5 Perches of Land
2-5-44	181-511	Thomas G. Pullen, Jr. State Superintendent of Schools	Raymond C. Duvall, Mary E. Duvall, wife	Deed to land known as the Florence School House Lot
24-8-1872	33-131	Samuel Jarden, Amelia J. Jarden	Board of School Commissioners of Howard County	Deed for \$1.00 called "Hobson's Choice" 1 Acre- 5 Perches of Land

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

HO 253  
1402535504

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <u>Old Florence School</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Northeast side of Florence Road about 0.4 mi</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>southeast of Ellicott Road (Md 94)</u>				
STATE		COUNTY:		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Raymond J and Jennie Harrison</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Florence Road</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Florence</u>		STATE: <u>MD</u>		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Clerk of the Circuit Court</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Howard County Courthouse</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Ellicott City</u>		STATE: <u>Md.</u>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good           <input type="checkbox"/> Fair           <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated           <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins           <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed         </div> <div>(Check One)</div> </div>		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>             This frame building, clapboard <sup>one story,</sup> has been              altered from <sup>2 room</sup> school house to dwelling.              Formerly entered in the narrow wall              facing Florence Road, it is oblong,              3 bays by 3, the roof ridgeline running              north-south. Now entered from the              long east wall, the two main rooms              have closets, bathroom space partitioned              off, and there is a lean-to addition  <del>along</del> the west side of the building.              A peaked-roof porch shelters the east              entrance while a shed-roof porch along              the south of the building remains from              the school. Windows in the main section              are 6 over 6; newer windows 1 over 1.              A chimney rises from stove flues at the              center of the school building section.           </p>			

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Once a two-room school, this  
has been a dwelling since the 1930's,  
surviving because of the drastic need  
for low-cost housing.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 RIVA ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND**

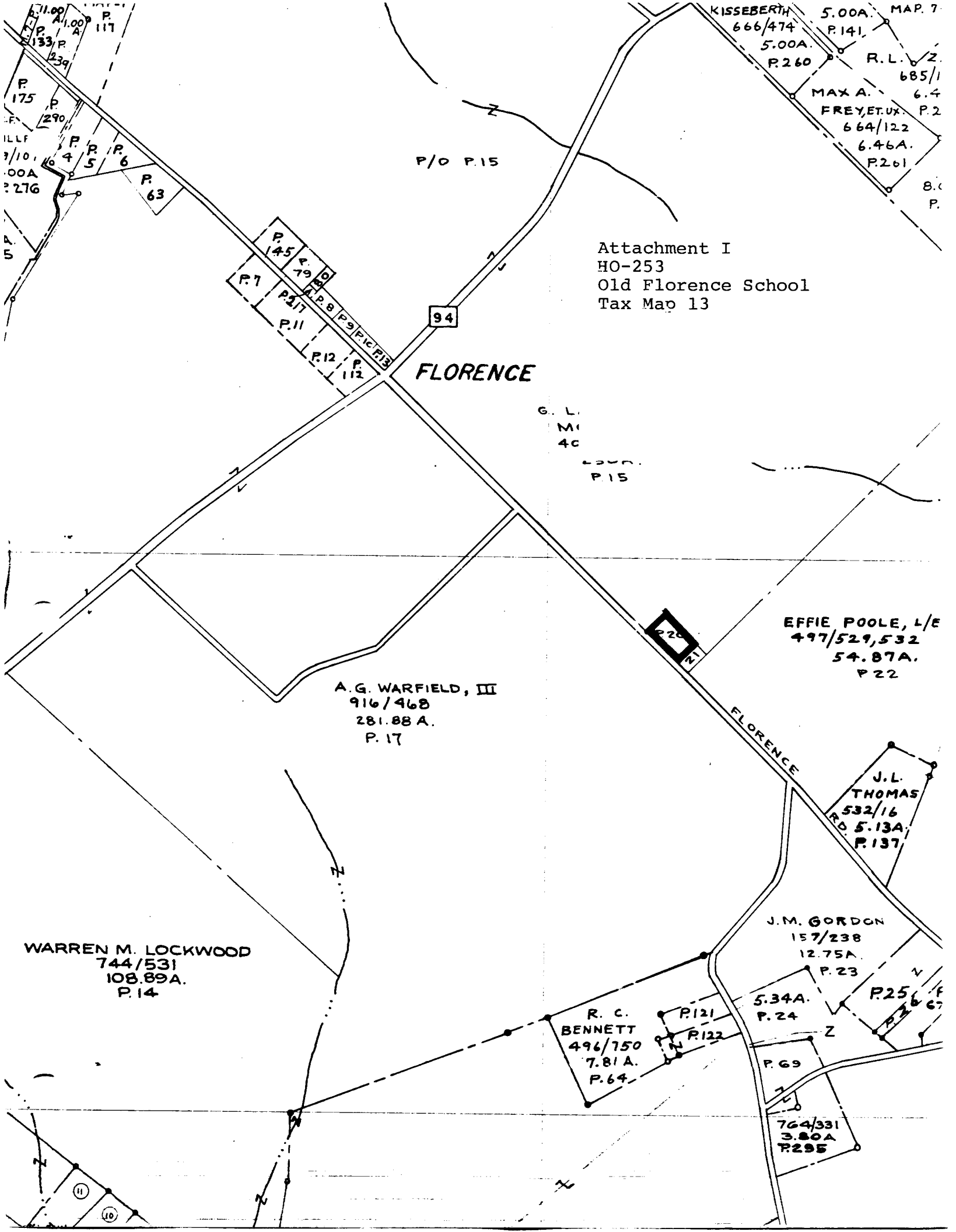
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National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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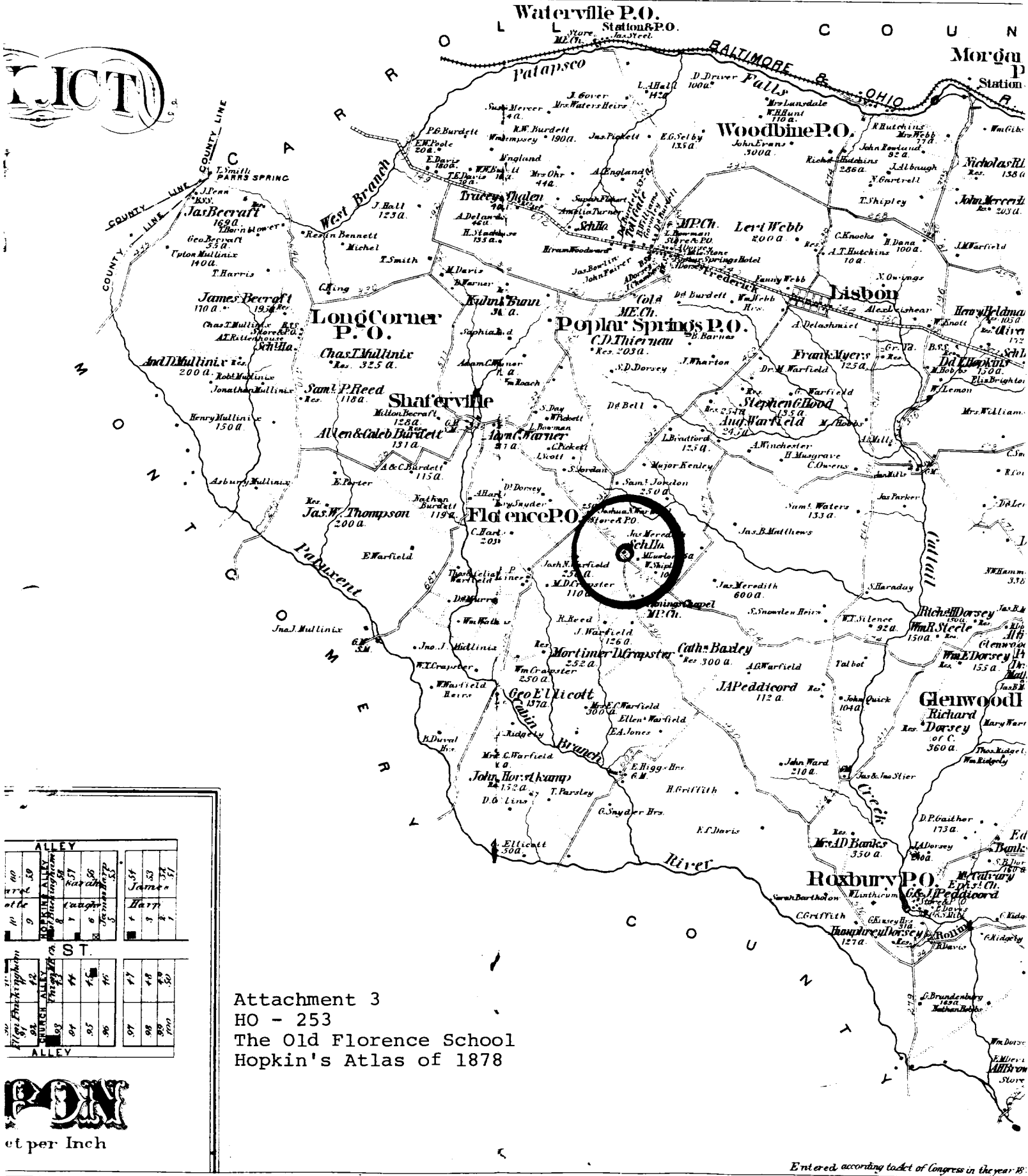


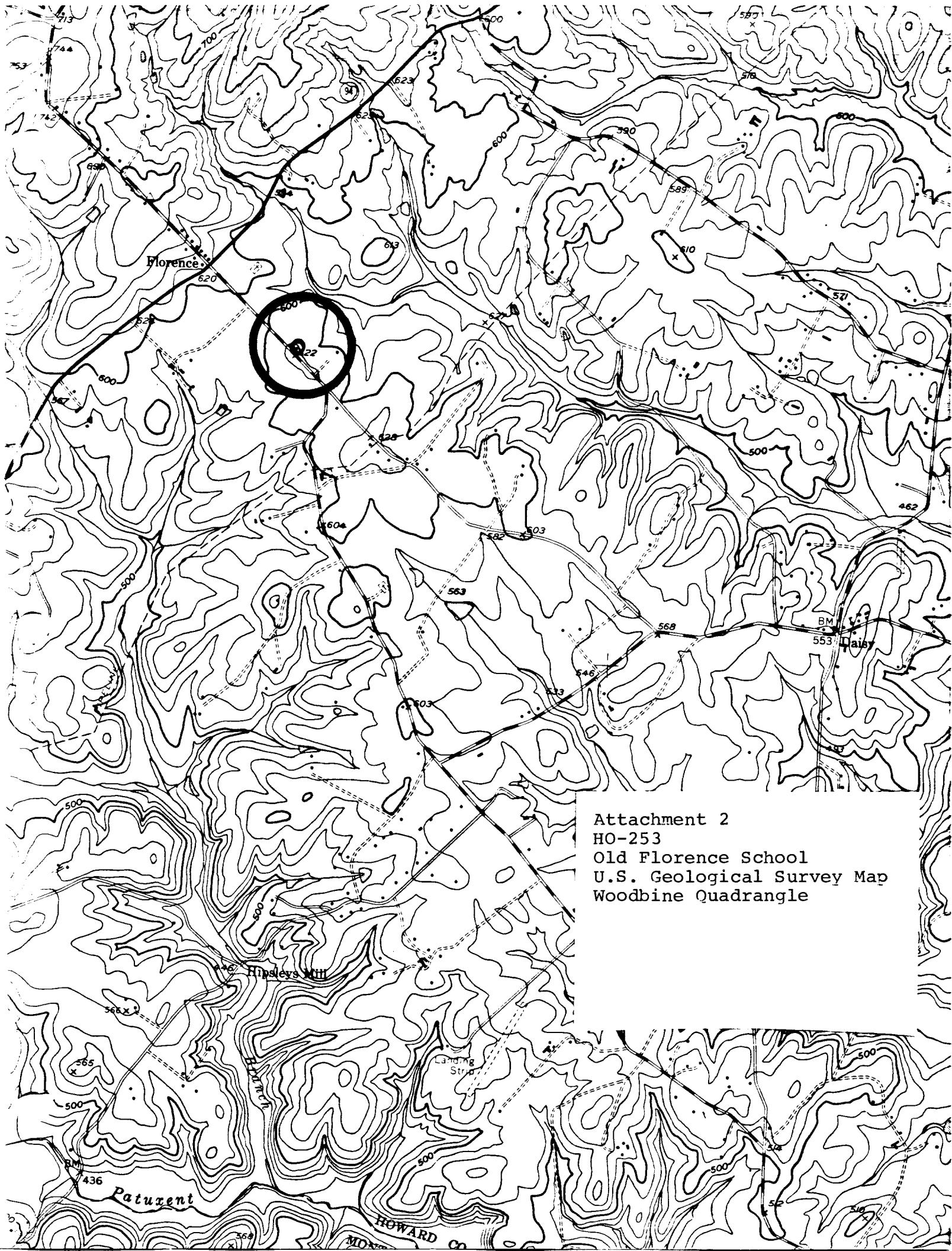
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Attachment 3  
HO - 253  
The Old Florence School  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878





Attachment 2  
HO-253  
Old Florence School  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine Quadrangle



H0 253

old Florence Schoolhouse JSE 8/73





Name: HO-253

The Old Florence School

Location: 2611 Florence Road

Woodbine, Maryland

Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.

Date of Photograph: May, 1980

Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust

View: West

Photographer looking: East

Photograph number: 1 of 1